Parental Consent Form

Students under 18 years old and currently enrolled in VET courses at **<insert name of institution (Secondary School, College, RTO, TAFE or other provider)>** that have an e-learning component are encouraged to take part in a 10 minute online survey which is sponsored by the National VET E-learning Strategy ([www.flexiblelearning.net.au](http://www.flexiblelearning.net.au)). The survey will help the National VET E-learning Strategy to better understand some of the benefits and issues that are associated with e-learning.

The research survey will ask some information about the student and about why and where they are doing the course. The survey also asks students to rate their skills in using computers and technology and doing e-learning. It also asks about how fast or slow they think the technology will be to download or upload course material or assessments.

Students are encouraged to seek clarification when they are not sure about the meaning of different questions from their teachers. Teachers will be on hand to support students.

Students will be asked to the online questionnaire that takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Students will be asked to use their student identification number or their initials and year of birth. This information will be used to track responses between the first (as close to commencement of the course) and a second survey (which will be administered as close to the completion of the course in June 2012).

There is little or no risk to your child. The only potential risk is that some students might find certain questions to be sensitive. The survey has been designed to protect your child’s privacy. Students will not put their names on the survey. Also, no school or student will ever be mentioned by name in a report of the results. Your child will get no benefit right away from taking part in the survey. However, the results of this survey will help students who are studying in the future. We would like all selected students to take part in the survey, **but the survey is voluntary**.

**No** action will be taken against the school, you, or your child, if your child does not take part. Students can skip any question that they do not wish to answer. In addition, students may stop participating in the survey at any point without penalty.

Please read the section below and check one box and return the form to the school as soon as possible. If you would like to learn more about the survey, please contact: The FLAG Secretariat at 03 9954 2700 or email [flag\_enquiries@natese.gov.au](mailto:flag_enquiries@natese.gov.au).

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| **National VET E-learning Strategy Survey Consent form** | | |
| Student’s Name: | | Age: |
| I have read this form and know what the survey is about. Please tick one only.  □ My child may take part in this survey.  □ My child may **not** take part in this survey. | | |
| Name of Parent | Date: | |
| Signature of Parent | Email: | |